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FIVE DISTRICTS FINISH PLANTING -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 7 Dec 50

Tirana (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- Five districts have completed their fall planting. The Tirana district has surpassed its sowing plan for all crops by 14 percent. It surpassed its plan for area planted by 6 percent for wheat, 22 percent for rye, 17 percent for barley, 20 percent for oats, and 49 percent for spelt.

This year, preparations for the fall sowing began in August. The soil was plowed twice to a depth of 20 centimeters, as compared with only once in 1949 to a depth of 15 centimeters. The seeds were selected, and 500 peasants from Vore and Tirana received disinfected seed. In several villages near Vore, the ground was cultivated in the pattern of a fish spine [contour plowing?].

In the Berat district, the over-all fall sowing plan was surpassed by 8 percent. Five percent more wheat was planted than called for by the plan, as well as 13 percent more rye, 35 percent more barley, 8 percent more oats, and 26 percent more spelt.

The Kukes district surpassed its plan for wheat by 12 percent and for rye by 18 percent. It surpassed its over-all fall planting plan by 6 percent, although it did not surpass its plan for barley.

The Tepelene district surpassed its fall planting plan by 16 percent for all crops except barley. It surpassed its plan for wheat by 5 percent, rye 12 percent, and oats 52 percent.

The Kruje district met its plan 100 percent, the Burrel district 85 percent, the Valona district 89 percent, the Shkoder district 86 percent, the Gjinokaster district 77 percent, and the Korca district 70 percent.

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CORN PURCHASE LAGS -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 18 - 19 Nov 50

Although some districts have made good records in the crop purchase of corn, the program is not progressing satisfactorily on the whole.

The Korce district fulfilled its October plan 38.4 percent and its year plan 61.47 percent, the Peshkopi district fulfilled its plan 298.15 and 70.71 percent respectively, and the Pogradec, Erseke, and Kukes districts did well. However, the Elbasan district met its October plan by only 17.85 and its year plan by only 8.92 percent, the Lesh district by 15.12 and 4.75 percent respectively, and the Kruje district by 17.92 and 6.12 percent. As of 10 November, the Shkoder district had met its over-all plan by only 16.51 percent.

November is the crucial month for the crop purchase of corn. About 60 percent of the over-all crop purchase plan should be realized in November.

23 FARM CO-OPS -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 25 Nov 50

The Albanian Council of Ministers has approved the formation of 23 agricultural cooperatives.

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